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Excitement in Kentucky.

(Ky.) Sentinel, gives the following account of a fiery fiend visible in Bracken county: BRACKEN Co., Ky., Feb. 17, 1866.

the greatest state of excitement in consequence of a remarkable visitation or apparition of some demonical personage in our midst I am not a believer in the doctrine that disembodied spirits can "revisit the glimpses of the moon," nor do I believe that epoch designated in prophecy, when the chains of Satan are to be unloosed has arrived. But the things whereof I now write are of such strange import, so inexplicable, that I have determined to put you in possession of a full and explicit narrative of them, merely premising that every word is true, and the facts sworn to, as witness the accompanying affidavit .--What it is, I am unable to say. I merely give the facts, such as I am personally cognizant of, and leave it to wiser heads than my own to unravel the mystery.

On Monday night last, after myself and family had retired to rest, we were suddealy aroused by a great outery from the segro quarters-which are immediately to the rear of the house-in which prayers vied for supremacy with blasphemies, men, women and children screaming "fire!" and murder!" at the top of their voices, all conspiring to create a scene worthy of a pandemonium. Terribly startled, my wife and I sprang from our bed. The room was illuminated as brightly as by a flood of sunlight, though the light was of a bluish east. Our first and most reasonwere being consumed by fire. We rushed sion." to the windows and beheld a sight that borror, and filled our hearts with utmost came flying into my room, hysterical with fear. This is what we beheld :

Standing to the right of the upper cabin, | from the U. S. Congress. near the fence that separates the negroes' strous head not dissimilar in shape to that | test oath-should not be repealed. of an ape; two short very white horns appeared above each eye; its arms were tional debt. long, covered with shaggy hair of an ashy hue, and terminated with huge paws, not give it in full: unlike those of a cat, and armed with long Its eyes glowed like two living coals of only a thousand fold louder. Its general brown. The air was powerfully impregnated with a smell of burning sulphur.-The poor negroes were evidently laboring under the extremest terror, and two of this writing. I do not know how long this monster, demon or devil, was visible after we reached the window-possibly some three seconds. When it vanished it was enveloped in a spiral column of flame that reached nearly to the tops of the other interests. locust trees adjacent, and which hid his herrid form completely from view. The extinction of the flame was instantaneous, and with its disappearance we were re- the Republicans in the traces. lieved of the presence of this remarkable Visitor.

It would be impossible for me to attempt to describe the effect of this visitation upon the members of my family.-Suffice it to say that my wife and two daughters are firmly persuaded that it was the veritable Satan. For myself, I would willingly believe that we all, by some cua horrid nightmare, did I not know that We were fully awake, and actually witnessed that which is above recorded .-Again, if ours had been the only family visited by this unearthly creature, I should mind into the belief that it was a halluci-

But precisely the same apparition made its appearance at my neighbor's Mrs. W. Doyle, appearing there in precisely the same shape in which it presented itself to us, save the head, which appeared to these who witnessed it at Mrs. D's to re-Fuqua's another neighbor, its head was over in spite of every precaution. that of a vulture. On Tuesday night it appeared at Mr. Jesse Bond's there wear-

my house-excepting only the changing of A correspondent of the Mt. Sterling | the head-and disappeared in the same manner. . These parties are all reliable ladies and gentlemen, and at my request have made oath to what they witnessed.

What it is, what its object, what its The people of this neighborhood are in mission, is something that passes my poor comprehension. What I have above written is simple, unadorned truth. You are at liberty to use this in any manner you may esteem proper.

Respectfully your friend, NATHANIEL G. SQUIRES.

State of Kentucky, Bracken Co.-Set .-This day personally appeared before the undersigned, John G. Finley, Justice of that the affiants are credible and reliable full faith and credit.

John G. Finley, J. P., B. C.

THE ABOLITION PLATFORM.

The resolutions adopted by the Abolition State Convention are very long and very wordy-meaning anything, everything, or nothing. We give an abstract ted to the Presidency, from the State of

1st. Renews the Republican party's pledges for the Union and its preservation. 2d. Asks for the "gathering of the lecitimate fruits of the war."

3d. That "the failure in these grave able conclusion was that the negro cabins duties" would be as "criminal as seces-

4th. Endorses the course of Andrew fairly curdled the blood in our veins with Johnson up to the time Lincoln was assassinated, and ask him to stand now

5th. Endorses the Rump Congress's action in excluding the Southern States

6th. That no man who has voluntarily garden from the house yard, was a crea- engaged in the late rebellion, or has held ture of gigantic stature, and most borrify- office under the rebel organization, should ing appearance. It was nearly as high as be allowed to sit in the Congress of the the comb of the cabin, and had a mon- Union ; and that the law-known as the

The 8th is about the negro and we

Resolved, That the public faith is not and hooked claws. Its breast was as less solemnly pledged to the protection, in broad as that of a large sized ox. Its the enjoyment of all their natural rightslegs resembled the front legs of a horse, of their persons, property and domestic reonly the hoofs were cloven. It had a lations-of the colored population who long tail, armed with a dart shaped horn, | have been emancipated by the fiat of the which it was continually switching about. people, and under the providence of God; and who deserved liberty by their kindfire, while from its nostrils were emitted ness and fidelity to our soldiers in prison, sheets of bluish colored flame, with a hiss- or wounded, or seeking escape from their ing sound, like the hissing of a serpent, tormentors, and by their courage in bearing arms for and fighting the battles of the color, save in its arms, was a dull dingy | Union. Even as man is more precious than money in every just account, so the honor of the nation is more sacredly engaged to these humble but never treacherous friends, than to those who hold its them, an old woman and a lad, were ac- bonds stamped with the broad seal of the tually driven to insanity by their fears, United States, that their freedom shall and have not recovered their reason up to not be a mockery, nor their just hopes of security, education and elevation in intellectual and moral improvement disappointed; and this faith must be kept inviolate. [Applause.]

The 9th asks protection of the iron and

10th. Is a very funny resolution, attempting to flatter Governor Curtin, and keep his friends and more conservative of

11th. Approves the law relieving real estate from taxation for State purposes. 12th. Is devoted to the "dear soldiers."

13. Lauds the 'consummate ability' of Edwin M. Stanton." [Cheers.] 14th. Asks for equitable bounties for

the soldiers. 15th. Endorses General Grant.

16. Says: "That any attempt by fortious coincidence, had been the victims of eign nations to establish a monarchial government on this Continent, is evidence of a design to destroy the Republic."

17th. Complains of the "course of Senator Cowan, and says he has forfeited the confidence of those to whom he owes his have kept silent, and, perhaps, tutored my place." [Greeted with unbounded ap-

plause. 18th requires the president of the Convention and the candidate for governor to The invention was made by a German, appoint the chairman of the State central

Smuggling on the Canadian lines still continues to a considerable extent. semble that of a horse. At Mr. Adam and spirituous liquors are being brought

Every thousand sheets of fractional ing the head of an elephant. At all these currency costs the government about places it made the same appearance as at | twenty-one dollars for their production.

STAND BY THE PRESIDENT.

We copy the following able and patriotic article from the New York Observer, the organ of the Presbyterian Church, and one of the ablest and most influential papers in the Union. These words of soberness and truth, coming from such a source, will have their effect among religious people, and will have much to do in dent Johnson. The Observer says:

the whole country made their sentiments known in a voice of thunder at the doors the Peace, within and for the county and of the National Legislature. With a pa-State aforesaid, Nathaniel G. Squires, triotic and intelligent President, called to Minerva Squires, Sarah D. Squires, Lucy his high place by the voice of God and Squires, Martha W. Dole, Adam Fuqua | the people, the country is in danger of and Jesse Bond, who being duly sworn having its will defeated by the action of according to law, declare that the state- Congress. It is the right of those who ments in the foregoing letter are true as far are unconditional men from the beginning, as refers to each of them. And I certify and who have never given place for an instant to the heresy of disunion, should aspersons, and their statements entitled to sert the rights that we, as a majority of American people, have under the Constitution, which has now been established by the sword, as once more the law of the

Andrew Johnson was nominated and elected to the Vice Presidency, whence, in the Povidence of God, he has been eleva-Tennessee. If it was and is out of the Union, he was not a citizen of the United States. Tennessee has, under all the forms known to our laws, reasserted her own rights to an equal standing in the Union with her sister States, and has sent to her Congress and ours true and tried Un- into the human mind to contrive any othion men, who, like the President, have er. Why is it not adopted? Sir, I am been true to the old flag through the long afraid to answer. I am afraid there are and bloody war. Those men have a patriots who would prefer to let treason right to go into the hall of the House of go unwhipped rather than they should and demand their seats. They are as fairly entitled to their place as Andrew Johnson is to his! So the President says and so we say. Mr. Speaker Colfax may as justly be locked out by the doorkeeper | you will let us rule the country ?" One as Mr. Representatives Hawkins, who has fought gallantly on the field of battle for the right that is now denied him. That he, and such as he, are refused ad-7th. Asks for the payment of the na- mission, is a defiance of the Constitution and laws; a nullification by the House of the law of the land; a resistance of the will of the people as expressed by the election of Mr. Johnson, and by the ratification of the Constitution. This is a there is, sir. Surely we may go back to high ground, but it is tenable. It does the Constitution which we have all sworn not invade the right of the House to judge to support. We can go back to the laws of the qualifications of its members. It may tender the loyalty oath to each Tennessee delegate, and he must stand or fall by it. But Tennessee has as good a right to-day to be heard on the floor of that House as Massachusetts or New York. If she has not sent true Union men, she can send others when these now to take the consequences, and they seldom waiting are found wanting. But she has linger long behind the act. her rights, and this awful war has been all in vain if, in the morning of peace, we are to have the rights of the people trampled in the dust by the men whom we have sent to rebuild the shattered walls of for the war. He joined a Western regi-

> our glorious republic. The question, and the only question, is the integrity of the Union. Has it been disolved? Was secession an accomplish- interred. Afterwards intelligence was ed fact? If not, then the States are there, | brought to the parents by returned Union and the restored Constitution is their pro- prisoners that their son was not dead, but tection and the bond of our Union. We in a Rebel prison in Georgia. Other and in all disaster and desponding hours of the war, has been, "The Constitution as it is and the Union as it was," will not closed an opportunity was offered to penabandon that watchword now that peace and order reign from the St. Lawrence to

THE FARMERS BAROMETER.-Take a common glass pickle bottle, wide-mouthed; fill it within three inches of the top with water; then take a common Florence oil flask, removing the straw covering and cleansing the flask throughly; plunge the neck of the flask as far it will go, and the barometer is complete. In fine weather the water will rise into the neck of the flask even higher than the mouth of the pickle bottle, and in wet, windy weather, it will fall to within an inch of the mouth of the flask. Before a heavy gale of wind, the water has been seen to leave the flask altogether at least eight hours before the gale came to its height. and communicated to a London Journal.

Gold and silver coins have been recently struck at the mint with the motto, 'In God we trust.' This will give point to the sarcasm abroad that the only "almighty dollar." - Statesman.

All things by turn and nothing long-The weather and the Republican party.

SENATOR COWAN'S PLAN.

In the United States Senate, on Friday

last, Senator Cowan spoke as follows: I will endeavor to answer a question which has been often put, with an air of may bring forth the accustomed products. braggart triumph that indicates that an another advantage, too. It is lawful, and none can complain of it. After the trial, that would allay all fears of his return. fend the purity of our institutions. Now, Mr. President, when I think how obvious and effectual this plan would be, I am amazed that it should have entered esentatives, present their credentials, risk their own hold on power. And, if so, I am sorry that any man can be so short sighted as not to see the fatal consequences of such an exchange as this. Does it not say, "Your treason may go if word more and I am done. The country is alarmed, the people are anxious, and of no common storm. What can be done to prevent it and bring back peace to the country, and harmony to the party? Is there no common ground on which we can stand? Is there no common standard around which we can rally? I think

BURIED TWICE .- Four days after the Rebels fired on Fort Sampter, a son of Mr. Duncan, of Mecca, Ohio, enlisted ment, and after being in several battles was reported killed at the battle of Stone River. His body was brought home and whose watchword in all phases of politics, prisoners, returning from there last spring, brought the sad news of his death to the sorely distressed family. When the war etrate the rebel lines. Mr. Duncan sent down and had his son brought home again | repent at leisure and from reflection. and buried twice, as was supposed. It was natural that they should be reconciled to their loss, but a few days ago their son Bob, in spite of wounds, and deaths and funerals, came "marching home," and is now enjoying the hospitality of the parental roof.—Enquirer.

and enforce them without discussion

among ourselves. Then there are things

which we may avoid; new measures upon

which we cannot agree, and which only

serve as wedges to split us further and fur-

ther asunder. If, however, we refuse

moderate counsel, the only remedy will be

HOLDING BACK THE SHOULDERS.—For a great number of years it has been the custom in France to give to young females of the earliest age, the habit of holding back the shoulders, and thus expanding the chest. From the observation of anatomists, lately made, it appears that the this is peculiar to the sex, and it may be rag," &c. What a sockdolager! attributed to the habit above mentioned, which, by the extension of the arms, has gradually produced a national eulongation God the Yankees have faith in is the of this bone. Thus we see that habit may be employed to alter and improve adds to health and beauty.

IMPORTANT TO TAX-PAYERS. - A Washington paper remarks that the people of the adjoining States of Maryland and Virginia need laborers to till the soil, that it

resentation, for a time at least?" To all bor? Because the government, thro' the leaving a large bung-hole for the admis-

THE BLACK AT LEISURE.-A COTTESpondent of the Press, describing the occupants of the galleries of Congress writes:

"Colored soldiers are largely represented. They come early and sit late, exhibiting a decorum and attention to what is going on that show how deeply they are ncerned in the solution of

problems of the hour." White soldiers cannot afford to while away the days of their lives in the galleries of Congress. If they are still in the service, they are doing military duty somewhere, instead of idling about the capital. If they have been discharged, the political atmosphere bodes the coming they are toiling to get their families bread, and have no money to spare for a trip to Washington, and no time to spend in listening to debates. But even if they had the leisure and the means of which the colored braves seem to be so abundantly possessed, they would hardly seek entertainment in the spectacle daily presented on the floor of Congress, in beholding their political birth-right given away to the blacks, and the Constitution of their fathers tinkered into a mere negro code. Such doings are doubtless pleasing in the eyes of the colored auditory who crowd the galleries, but the white soldier has lit- port the Constitution was a sufficient test of tle occasion to mourn that he has no time to spend in watching them.

> mind is like a vast firmament-lighted on all sides by stars of different magnitude.

Great talent renders a man famous, great merit procures respect, and great ful Ohio. Thence it stretches away a learning commands esteem. Great wealth, when unaccompanied by these more ennobling qualities, receives only the homage | more than a thousand cultivated farms, of fools.

fellow man's confidence, or excites a hope he is unwilling to gratify, is worthy only of humanity's censure and divinity's curse. the great emblem of eternity. It is one

a shadow which abideth forever. The more true merit a person has the more they applaud it in others.

We revenge in haste and passion; we

Mercer County .- A man, supposed less as eternity. to be the murderer of the man found dead near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was arres-

ted near that place a few days ago and sent to Mercer jail. House, after endeavoring for some time to President (by placing almost absolute

bune published a dispatch stating that Mr. | upon Thad. Steven's plan-"Perpetual Vallandigham had hung a flag out of his ascendency of the Union party," ("throwwindow to testify his joy at the veto of ing conscience to the devil," of course.) clavicle, or collar bone, is actually longer the Negro Bureau bill, and thereupon How those fanatics would have reveled in females of the French nation than those asked, "Which flag ?" The Luzerne Un- could they have got control of so many of the English. As the two nations are ion answers by saying that it was that one more millions of dollars and the creation of the Caucasian race, as there is no other | not long ago pronounced by the Tribune to | of ten thousand more statellites, in the remarkable difference in their bones, and be "the flaunting lie"-"hate's polluted shape of officers, agents and lackeys of

Wendell Philips, in a speech in the Brooklyn Academy of Music, on Tuesday employment is one of the best remedies for evening, spoke of President Johnson as the disappointments of life. Let even General Lee's "successor," and classed your calamity have the liberal effect of the solid bones. The French have suc- him with Burr and Arnold as "a traitor occupying you in some active virtue, so ceeded in the developement of a part that who has failed." These denunciations of shall you in a manner remember others the President were loudly applauded. I till you forget yourself .- Pratt.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE

The following beats all the stories of remarkable escapes which we remember ever to have seen: "On the passage of the ship Anaxander from New Orleans to New York, a young lad, about fourteen But they cannot get black labor. | years of age, from the naturally frolicsome answer is impossible. The question is Why? There are forty thousand negroes and mischievous disposition, became so this: Would you bring back here into in the District, the large majority of whom troublesome in his pranks that he was the Solate bels and traitors, the authors may be seen walking about in idleness, or threatened by the captain, if they were of all our troubles, whose hands are yet sunning themselves in some sequestered continued, that he would confine him in a turning the popular tide in favor of Presi- red with the blood of our slaughtered peo- corner, or huddling around some smoking water cask. Our youngster took no heed, ple? And if not, how do you propose to faggots, receiving mutual warmth from however, and, at his next offence, he was It is high time that the Union men of avoid it unless you deny these States rep- each other. Why then will they not la- put in the cask, which was headed up, this I answer, "No," as emphatically as Freedmen's Bureau, feeds, clothes, and sion of air. That night the ship encounany other Senator can do; but I would furnishes physicians, and coffins when tered a violent storm, and, in a sudden keep them out in a very different way they die, and as if that was not sufficient, lurch, the cask containing the boy rolled from that proposed. I would keep them | sends a minister to pray them out of this | over into the sea. Fortunately, the cask out by following the mode and seeking the world into another. They are supported struck bung up, and floated about thirty remedy afforded by the Constitution and here in their idleness; while fields lay hours, when it was thrown upon the laws, instead of adopting a course forbid- waste where honest labor would be re- beach at St. Blas. Here the boy made den by oath and unjust in itself. I would warded. Was there ever greater injus- desperate efforts to extricate himself from punish criminals and not enslave commu- tice than this? Hear it ye honest sons of his prison, without success, and, in desnities. I would single out the guilty and toil (unfurtunately white) who labor daily pair, gave up to die. Some cows, hownot confound the innocent with them. Is to earn a support for yourselves and fam- ever, strolling on the beach, were attracnot this easy? When the traitor asks for liles; hear it you laboring millions who ted to the cask, and, in walking round it, admission here you commit him for trial, pay enormous and grinding taxes for the one of them, it being fly-time, switched and the offense is not bailable. I suppose support of idleness and the fostering of her tail into the bung-hole, which the lad everybody will agree that would keep vice. Will you support and countenance grasped with a desperate resolution. The him out at least until he is tried. It has it by voting for the men who pass appro- cow bellowed, and set off for life, and afpriation bills for this purpose? If not, ter running some two hundred vards with look you to it that these men never dis- the cask, struck it against a log on the if acquitted, he is not a traitor, and his grace or pollute our legislative halls again beach and knocked it to smash. The case presents no difficulty. If he is con- with their presence. Send only men who boy was discovered by some fishermen on victed, attainted, and hanged, I suppose further the interests of the country and de- the Point, and taken into Appalachicola, where, a small collection being made for him, he was enabled to proceed on his journey homeward.

> STICK A PIN HERE.—The Washington correspondence of the Philadelphia Ledger, under date of the 27th, says:

The President, last night, in response to the direct questions of several Congressmen, declared that he was opposed to all constitutional amendments until the Southern members were in their seats, and so the South can have a voice in the matter. He said the question of representation was a small matter and that the North could well afford to overlook the two-fifths advantage which the South now had, because emigration and kindred cause would soon remedy it without legislation. If the matter must be changed at all, he was in favor of making voting population the basis. He then asked how they proposed to get such an amendment through the South. The reply was, "In the same way, Mr. President, that you got the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery through, by a little Presidential pressure." Mr. Johnson replied that he sure no somelarity between the tico cases. In regard to the test oath, he said he was inclined to think that the old form of swearing to sup-

A BEAUTIFUL IDEA .-- Among the Alle-WISDOM'S UTTERANCES -The human ghenies there is a spring so small that a single ox could drain it dry on a summer's day. It steals its unobtrusive way among the hills till it speads out into the beautithousand miles, leaving on its banks more than a hundred villages and cities, and and bearing on its bosom more than a He who seeks and gains by promises a thousand steamboats. Then joining the Mississippi, it stretches away some twelve hundred miles or more, until it falls into Death once seen at our hearths, leaves of the great tributaries of the ocean, which obedient only to God, shall roll and roar until the angel, with one foot on sea and the other on land, shall lift up his hand to heaven and swear that time shall be no longer. So with moral influence. It is a rivulet, an ocean, boundless and fathom-

Why They Howl -The Corry Telegraph goes right to the kernel of the subject in one sentence; "The Freedmen's At the late burning of the Mercer Court | Bureau bill was an attempt to bribe the extinguish the flames without success, the power in his hand) to sign a bill which volunteer firemen tilted the engine into would give unlimited office-holding powthe fire, and let it perish with the building. er to the party which possessed the majority in Congress for the time being." The other day the New York Tri- The whole thing was unmistakably based the Bureau!

EMPLOYMENT. -- Assure yourself that